

innovation through research and development, to improve the competitiveness of the United States, and for other purposes:

Mr. WU. Mr. Chair, my amendment, which I have submitted along with my colleague from Maryland, Mr. BARTLETT and will be part of an en bloc amendment, will facilitate ARPA-E applications by small businesses and entrepreneurs and will allow ARPA-E to consider a wider range of proposals relevant to its mission.

This amendment is straightforward and emphasizes the importance of proposals submitted by small businesses and entrepreneurs—the lifeblood of innovation and our American economy. This amendment further mirrors the DARPA program by creating flexibility within ARPA-E for solicitations year-round, on broadly defined areas of science and technology, creating a greater diversity of projects coming into the pipeline, while still maintaining the program's ability to focus on funding projects in specific areas of technological innovation.

ARPA-E is a robust pathway to new discoveries in technology and new investment in American manufacturing. To paraphrase Secretary Chu, ARPA-E was designed to provide for opportunity to swing from the heels. There will be missed pitches, but there will be home runs and grand slams, too. While the program has been considered a success—recently announcing 37 diverse solicitation winners—by providing continuous and non-restrictive solicitations, ARPA-E will be able to act in an all-comers fashion, selecting from a wide range of products in order to foster innovative solutions to the energy issues our Nation faces.

I am happy to have worked in a bipartisan way with Mr. BARTLETT from Maryland—I greatly appreciate his thoughtful contributions to this amendment. Through both his scientific background and his work on Armed Services, Mr. BARTLETT has always brought an informed and helpful perspective in the establishment of ARPA-E. The House Committee on Science and Technology may be one of the last bastions of nonpartisan policymaking in this body and Mr. BARTLETT's work and forethought has helped to exemplify that ideal. I ask that the House support this amendment.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 13, 2010

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I missed rollcall vote No. 248 on May 5, 2010. If present, I would have voted "nay."

A PROCLAMATION HONORING SGT. 1ST CLASS CHARLES KOMAROMY FOR FORTY YEARS OF SERVICE IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY AND NATIONAL GUARD

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 13, 2010

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker, Whereas, Sgt. 1st Class Charles Komaromy has served forty years in the United States Army and the National Guard; and

Whereas, Sgt. Komaromy answered his country's call of duty and served honorably and bravely in Vietnam, Operation Desert Storm, and Operation Iraqi Freedom; and

Whereas, Sgt. Komaromy has represented the community of Dover and his country proudly and admirably with forty years of military service; and

Whereas, the community of Dover will honor the distinguished service of Sgt. Komaromy with a celebration on Saturday, May 15 at the Dover Armory, be it

Resolved, that along with his friends, family, the United States Army and National Guard, and residents of the 18th Congressional District of Ohio, I commend and thank Sgt. 1st Class Charles Komaromy for his forty years of exemplary service to his country and his community.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1272, COMMEMORATING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MAY 4, 1970, KENT STATE UNIVERSITY SHOOTINGS

HON. BETTY SUTTON

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 13, 2010

Ms. SUTTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of House Resolution 1272, commemorating the 40th anniversary of the May 4, 1970, Kent State University shootings.

As a lifelong Northeast Ohioan and a graduate of Kent State University, I hold what took place on May 4th close to my heart.

After the announcement of the U.S. incursion into Cambodia, Kent State students began a weekend of anti-war protests that culminated in the deaths of four unarmed students on May 4th . . .

. . . Another nine were injured, including one of my constituents, Barberton resident and my very dear friend, Alan Canfora.

During the height of the Vietnam War from 1968 to 1971, 17 people were killed during anti-war protests on college campuses.

Many of these Vietnam War demonstrations, including those at Kent State, pitted students against their peers serving in the National Guard.

Forty years after the Kent State shootings, the tragic events of May 4th remain a symbol of the Vietnam War and the protests that ensued at college campus in Ohio and across the country.

I commend the recent placement of the site of the May 4th shootings on the National Register of Historic Places.

I also applaud the establishment of the May 4th Visitors Center, Memorial, and Historical Walking Tour on the campus.

May 4th took the lives of Allison Krause, Jeffrey Miller, Sandra Scheuer, and William Schroeder.

They will always live on in our memories.

They represent a generation and a tumultuous chapter of our Nation's history that should not ever be forgotten.

SUPPORTING WAL-MART'S EFFORTS TO COMBAT HUNGER IN THE UNITED STATES

HON. CHAKA FATTAH

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 13, 2010

Mr. FATTAH. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize a notable work of good citizenship on the part of Wal-Mart and the Wal-Mart Foundation. Their announcement of a five year, \$2 billion initiative to improve the efficiency of the U.S. food bank system and make nutritious food more accessible to those in the greatest need will contribute towards the goal of ending childhood hunger by 2015. This initiative will provide 1.1 billion pounds of food to families who desperately need it, and will deliver \$250 million in grants to help support hunger relief organizations.

As Chair of the Congressional Urban Caucus, I know that too many of the nation's urban residents face the silent epidemic of food insecurity, and that they are not alone in their plight. Up to 49 million Americans and 22 percent of all children went hungry in 2008. This is a travesty in a country as rich and prosperous as the United States. This cannot be allowed to continue.

I wish to congratulate Wal-Mart in its efforts to help combat hunger in the United States, and I hope that this is not only a significant step in a broad commitment on the part of this corporation, but one that motivates their peers to join us in this cause.

THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND THE ENVIRONMENT HEARING ON THE REAUTHORIZATION OF STATE REVOLVING FUNDS

HON. BOBBY L. RUSH

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 13, 2010

Mr. RUSH. Madam Speaker, I submit the following.

Chairman WAXMAN, Chairman MARKEY, Ranking Member BARTON, Ranking Member UPTON and all of my distinguished colleagues that sit on the Subcommittee on Energy and the Environment, thank you all for allowing me to make these remarks for the record on this important hearing on the reauthorization of State Revolving Funds within the "The Assistance, Quality, and Affordability Act of 2010."

Chairman MARKEY, I would especially like to thank you and your staff for working with my office over the past year to tighten the regulations within the SRF that govern water security to ensure that the incident that happened in my congressional district of Crestwood will not be replicated and that all of our constituents will have access to clean, safe drinking water.

Mr. Chairman, I would like to briefly recount for all of my colleagues the preposterous and unbelievable events that happened in Crestwood that has brought us to the point we are today. It is a story that, unfortunately, is ripe with abuses of the public trust by crooked and corrupt public officials at a level that is hard to fathom.

And it is a story that, hopefully, with the measures that we will enact in this legislation, will never be allowed to happen again.